

MMD Redistricting Committee Agenda
Saturday, February 5, 2022, 2022
9:00 A.M.- 10:30 A.M.

Meeting started: 9:15

Attendees: Keshana, Dominic, Larry, Marie, Adrienne, Connie

- I. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes
- II. Updates (Review all follow up and action items)
 - a. Albany County Trainings
 - i. Once everyone has their email links will be sent to complete mandatory trainings.
 - b. Zoom Account
 - i. Has been set up and will cost \$14.00 per month. It was placed in Marie's name.
 - ii. Action: Marie will send information to Keshana for organizing meetings.
 - iii. Action: Larry will need to specify this expense in the budget.
 - c. Legal RFP
 - i. We only received 1 proposal
 - ii. The organization has contracted with Majority Committee
 - iii. Questions have been raised around conflict of interest,
 - iv. Team: Jeffrey Wice, Dr. Lisa Hanley, Marissa Zanfardino,
 - v. Action: Decide if we are moving forward with this proposal or if we need to select a new legal firm to represent the committee.
 1. Dominic- is in support of moving forward, with the team that is representing MMD. There is separation
 2. Larry- main concern was the conflict of interest. He believes that they will keep the two separates in terms of what he provides for our committee vs. the commission. We have a lawyer that would be solely working with us.
 3. Adrienne- Felt that he was forthright. Seemed to address issues of concern especially as it related to double dipping. He will reduce the fee. If he came up on any litigation issues, he has the facts to support the commission. Relieved that he could accommodate our needs. Very knowledgeable.
 - a. On behalf of the review committee that was responsible for the legal services proposal. We (Larry, Dominic, Adrienne, Marie) recommend that the MMD Subcommittee move forward with New York Law Jeffrey Wice. – **All Commissioners in Favor**
 - b. Action: Marie will need to reach out to procurement as the law firm indicated that they would reduce the cost. Contract will need to reflect the new cost. Procurement will need to be notified to add this proposal to their agenda for processing.
 - c. Action: Budget Committee, Mr. Leif has not scheduled the meeting to discuss transactions, etc.

Budget Committee has drafted a spreadsheet. Larry has not received it. Marie will send the update.

- d. Commission Report Out
 - i. There is a public progress report that has been created by the Majority.
 - 1. Not a required exercise.
 - 2. Agreed to do them regularly and will live on their website.
 - ii. First public hearing will be on March 1st, 2022, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. (Joint Commission Meeting) Virtual Hearing
 - iii. Business Analyst has been appointed to the Commission. His name is John Wemple.
 - iv. Attendance is now being taken at the beginning of the commission meetings.
 - v. February 14th at 4 p.m. APPGEO will do a presentation (1.5hr). This is the mapping company for the Commission.
 - vi. Times Union Reporter has been engaged. There will be a story before the first public hearing. They will engage with other newspapers to get information out to the public about the first hearing.
 - e. Mapping RFPs
 - i. We received 4
 - f. Need write up to send to community
 - i. 100 Black Men is no longer active
 - ii. Larry has reached out to AKAs and Deltas
 - iii. Community Organizations List is needed ASAP
 - iv. Need to be broadly shared
 - v. Informational Flyer will be given out
 - g. Revisions have been made to the website
 - i. MMD FAQs will be populated on the page
 - ii. Bios will be populated on the page
 - iii. Email will be set up (MMDRedistrictingsubcommittee@albanycounty.gov)
 - iv. Website will need to receive written comments and/or submissions, and the ability to store them.
 - v. Comments should live on the website.
 - vi. Commissioners will need to monitor and respond to.
 - vii. Action: Everyone will need to review the website for current content.
- III. Interns
- a. Opportunity offered to intern – Justine McCarthy
 - i. She is sending her availability to Marie
 - ii. She may have availability prior to the 16th.
 - iii. Marie will work with Albany County to be onboarded to the payroll
 - iv. She will be paid \$20 hours per hour with a flexible schedule
 - v. She will need a point of contact from the Commissioners to be her supervisor. Marie will take that on.
 - b. Interview Interns
 - i. Last candidate did withdraw his application
 - ii. Action: Will make an offer to Nassim Ramdani
- IV. Communications/Community Engagement

- a. Necole Chambers is reviewing venues to hold in-person meetings
 - b. Action Item: MMD Subcommittee Talking Points
- V. Commissioner Updates
- a. February 8th- Webinar being held to go over the new redistricting law proposed by Kathy Hochul.
 - b. We need to create a workplan with Wice to get towards implementation.
 - i. Calendar needs to be created
 - ii. Action Item: Dominic

February 7, 2022

Time: 8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Attendees: Keshana, Larry, Marie, Adrienne, Connie

Absent: Dominic

An emergency meeting was called to vote on the Mapping RFP.

- I. Marie presented the RFPs that were submitted
- II. Connie presented the two organizations that are closely scored. She presented the credentials of those leading the efforts. Hidden costs associated with each organization, etc.
- III. Keshana presented the conflict of interest as one of the organizations is currently under contract with the Commission for mapping services. Keshana made the argument that having a difference in mapping services could present a different view. Keshana also expressed the desire for training to be hands on for individuals on the Commission and not just videos.
- IV. Discussion: The Commissioners present discussed the conflict of interest, the services each one of the organizations provided, where the MMD could comprise, etc.
- V. Vote: In Favor of ARC Bridge (Keshana, Larry, Marie, Connie)
- VI. Opposed (Adrienne)- reason to be devil's advocate.